

# **GUJARAT UNIVERSITY TRANSPLANTATION SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

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The foundation of the University is based on Smt.G.R. Doshi and Smt.K.M.Mehta Institute of Kidney Diseases and Research Centre (IKDRC) established in 1981 with private-public partnership to provide state of art care for kidney diseases to people with limited financial resources. The institute grew to be the largest tertiary care centre of its kind in the world with 200 indoor beds for Nephrology, Urology and Transplantation services in 1992.

The Institute of Transplantation Sciences (ITS) with 200 additional beds was established in 1997 as a sister concern and was named after its founder Dr. H.L. Trivedi in 2006. The institutes perform about 350-400 kidney transplants and 25 liver transplants every year, the highest in the public sector. Institutes are dedicated to helping people with end-stage organ failure. The comprehensive approach has kept them consistently at the forefront of this lifesaving field. Research carried out here is of very high standards bringing envy to many.

Dr. Trivedi and team have become well known globally for pioneering transplantation with minimum or no immunosuppressive medications through their innovative stem cell technology. In addition, insulin making stem cells to cure diabetes and neuronal stem cells to cure neuronal degenerative diseases/ traumatic injuries, etc and cardiomyocytes generated from mesenchymal stem cells are the unique research areas of the team here. Active postgraduate teaching programs in Nephrology, Urology, Anesthesia and Pathology are ongoing for last 25 years. However there is no well designed curriculum for teaching and training in the field of transplantation in India.

IKDRC-ITS being the pioneer institutes for transplantation not only in the state of Gujarat but in India as well, Government of Gujarat conferred upon the status of State University and named it as Gujarat University of Transplantation Sciences, so that the branch of transplantation can develop well here. Thus IKDRC-ITS is the first constituent institute of the University.

Transplantation science is one of the most challenging and complex branches of Modern Medicine. It is a team work requiring support from many medical and paramedical specialties. The mission of the University is to serve as an academic and research nucleus to these specialties to improve the clinical, scientific, and social aspects of Transplantation making it accessible and affordable to population at large giving them healthy and productive lives.